

Gov's FHC Building Codes Discussion Handout
Sept. 11, 2008 meeting

Why are building codes important to the Gov's FHC? How do they impact forest health?

What is the perspective of the various constituencies within the FHC?

Are changes in building codes within wildfire areas a long-term solution? Don't they address future construction and housing development?

If building code changes are to be made, what public policy process must be employed and what education and government relations functions must be applied?

What role will FHC constituencies play in such a public policy process to change building codes?

If changes in building codes are a long-term solution, are promotion, education and support for Firewise practices a short-term strategy to be employed? Wouldn't that address existing structures more readily?

Are building codes and Firewise practices connected? Is one a precursor to the other?